

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE GRANT RECIPIENT FOR 1999: SOUTHWEST BALTIMORE REPAIR AND REUSE PILOT PROJECT

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Affected Areas: Southwest Baltimore (Sowebo), Baltimore City, Maryland

INTRODUCTION AND PROJECT RATIONALE

The Southwest Baltimore Repair and Reuse Pilot Project is working to expand sales and markets for repair businesses in Southwest Baltimore. The project is initially focusing on five product categories -- computers, appliances, electronics, furniture, and thrift stores. The project is also working to educate individual, corporate, and institutional consumers about the economic and environmental benefits of product repair.

SCOPE OF WORK

To date, the following tasks have been completed:

1. Southwest Baltimore repair business inventory and site visits
2. Baltimore reBusiness network selected as project “street” name;
3. Repair business street survey/interviews and profile completed;

Tasks currently underway:

1. Creation of Baltimore reBusiness Directory
2. Baltimore reBusiness advisory board formed and initial meeting held
3. Wastestream/repair research and analysis
4. Presentation on “Environmental Benefits of Repair” at Maryland Recycling Coalition conference, May 2002 at CCBC-Catonsville

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The subcontract between CCBC-Catonsville and the Parks and People Foundation, a Baltimore based environment and development foundation was cancelled due to lack of performance by Parks and People. Funds earmarked for the Parks and People Foundation out of the project budget are being reallocated in order to successfully complete the project workplan.